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Chairman Price Denounces Executive Order on GITMO

Washington, D.C. – Republican Study Committee Chairman Tom Price (GA-06) made the following statement today as President Barack Obama signed executive orders to close the Guantanamo detention facility. The facility has been used since 2002 to detain enemy combatants who pose a national security threat. The [Associated Press](#) reported that detainees released from Guantanamo Bay are returning to fight against the United States and its allies in increasing numbers.

“The haste with which President Obama has acted to close GITMO is both unwise and unnecessary,” said Chairman Price. “The President has failed to answer several crucial questions about protecting our own national security interests, such as how to relocate the facility’s detainees and how to deal with newly captured enemy combatants.

“During these troubled times, GITMO facilitates the necessary function of gathering intelligence and keeping America’s most dangerous enemies in custody. Closing the facility without a plan in place to replicate those functions is irresponsible.

“It’s unfortunate that national security has taken a back seat to political appeasement. And it is deeply troubling that the President has made this hasty decision without a thorough plan for what to do with these terrorists.”

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